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> CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8 I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 872-9306, Art Unit 3742, Attn: Examiner Sang Y. Palk, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 24th day of _ May

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Paik:

This Amendment responds to the final Office Action mailed 22 December 2003, which Office Action set a shortened three-month statutory period for reply that expired 22 March 2004. Accompanying this Amendment, Applicants herewith petition for a two-month extension of time for said period to reply, thus extending said period until 22 May 2004.

In the Office Action pending claims 1 through 14 stand rejected; specifically, claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and claims 6-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: